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- The following information has become available regarding the port of Vlone:
  - Approximately 3,000 tons of asphalt, 6,000 tons of naphtha and 2,000 tons of raw olive oil are exported monthly from the port.
  - b. Prior to the Tito-Cominform rift, there were British, Soviet, Bulgarian and Yugoslav vessels which used the port regularly. The names of the ships are unknown.
  - c. Fuel reserves are received from a daily flow of 350 cubic meters from the Kucove field and 165 cubic meters from the Patos field. Of the daily total, 250 cubic meters are sent to two refineries at Kuccve. Fuel is sent to Vlone only on rare occasions for export.
  - d. There are five fuel storage tanks at the port, each having a capacity of 4,800 tons; there are large gasoline depots between Vione and Krionero.
- 2. Port equipment is scarce, and one of the two piers is destroyed. The remaining pier has been lengthened by 100 meters (original length not known); the depth at the end of the pier is eight meters and at the base four meters.
- Three Soviet pocket submarines with Soviet crews arrived at Vlone from Split in early September 1948. The submarines were still in Vlone at the end of that month.
- 4. Current exports from Albania to Black Sea ports are as follows:

cement

asphalt

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- c. raw naphtha
- chromium

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olive oil

small arms

- farm products
- The following are the imports received by Albania (presumably from Black Sea ports):

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